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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO
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1. WE DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL A WITH JOHN SYMONS,
UN DEPARTMENT, FCO, JUNE 12. SYMONS CONFIRMED AND
AMPLIFIED FCO'S INITIAL REACTION DESCRIBED REFTEL
B. HE SAID HMG AGREES WITH CONCEPT AS STATED. HE ALSO
EMPHASIZED THAT HMG "FEELS STRONGLY THE NEED TO MAIN-
TAIN OUR POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS." ACCORD-
ING TO SYMONS, FCO HAS BEEN STUDYING EACH OF THE ISSUES
OUTLINED PARA 3, REFTEL A AND HAS COME TO CONCLUSION
THAT WHILE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS THEM WITH G-77,
HMG CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ALTERATION OF BASIC PRINCIPLES.

2. SYMONS PROVIDED FOLLOWING HMG REACTION TO OUR PRO-
POSALS. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO LETTERED SUBPARAS IN
PARA 8 REFTEL A. HMG AGREES STRONGLY WITH SUBPARAS
A, B, C AND D. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT G-77 IS SHOWING
INCREASING WILLINGNESS TO ADOPT MORE MODERATE POSITIONS
ON INITIATIVES SUCH AS UK'S THREE-TIER APPROACH TO 7TH
SPECIAL SESSION. THUS WE ARE MOVING TOWARD AN UNDER-
STANDING BY THEM OF NEED TO AVOID REPEATED DISSENT AS
STATED SUBPARA C.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF SUBPARA E, HE RAISED USE OF
PHRASE "AS ADOPTED AT THE 29TH (OR 6TH SPECIAL) UNGA."
HE STATED THAT HMG SEES DEFINITE ADVANTAGES TO USING
PHRASE IN CONJUNCTION WITH INNOCUOUS PREAMBLE REFER-
ENCES CITED POINT 1, SUBPARA E. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO
PRESS FOR ITS USE IN THESE CASES IN ORDER TO REINFORCE
ITS ACCEPTABILITY IN REACHING COMPROMISES WITH G-77 ON
INNOCUOUS RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS. HE AGREED,
HOWEVER, THAT IT IS A "GIMMICKY" PHRASE AND DANGEROUS
WHEN USED IN IMPLEMENTATION CASES. HMG IS STRONGLY
AGAINST THIS AND DOES NOT FORESEE SITUATION IN WHICH
THEY WOULD ALTER THEIR OPPOSITION TO USE OF PHRASE IN
THESE CASES.

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4. SYMONS STATED HMG FINDS PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY IN
DIFFERENTIATING DEGREES OF IMPORTANCE OF REFERENCES
UNDER SUBPARA E, POINT 3. EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT

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RESOLUTIONS TEND TO JUMP STRAIGHT FROM SITUATION DESCRIBED UNDER POINT 2 TO THAT DESCRIBED UNDER POINT 4. HE CITED EXAMPLE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION DECLARATION OF ACTION AT LIMA WHICH HE FEELS FALLS UNDER POINT 3. UNDER THESE CRITERIA HMG WOULD HAVE VOTED YES ON THE DECLARATION WITH RESERVATIONS ON MOST OBJECTIONABLE PORTIONS. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT HMG WILL CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO THE ADDITION OF EXTRANEIOUS LANGUAGE IN THESE RESOLUTIONS.

5. HMG AGREES WITH OUR THINKING ON SUBPARA F THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID SPINNING OUT THE PROCESS OF REGISTERING OUR DISSENT.

6. SYMONS REGRETTED HE DID NOT FOCUS IN INITIAL RESPONSE ON SINGLE SPOKESMAN SUGGESTION CONTAINED SUBPARA H. HMG AGREES WITH DESIRABILITY OF HAVING SINGLE SPOKESMAN BUT WOULD WANT HIM TO COME FROM WIDER CIRCLE THAN GROUP OF 4 (FRG, UK, JAPAN, US) WHICH IS CONSIDERED HARDLINE BY G-77. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO BRING THE COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY FRANCE ALONG ON MATTERS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE.

7. FINALLY, ON SUBPARA I, SYMONS AGAIN EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT NEED FOR BLANKET FORMULA FOR EXPRESSING OUR OBJECTIONS WHEN WE ALREADY ARE ABLE TO REFER TO OUR VOTES IN THE 29TH GA AND 6TH SPECIAL SESSION. HE FEELS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET MORE THAN THE 4 TO AGREE TO A BLANKET STATEMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO WATER IT DOWN UNTIL IT BECAME MEANINGLESS. HMG WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION IF WE PRESENT THEM WITH A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR STUDY. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, PREFER TO SEE US DROP THIS PROPOSAL AND REFER INSTEAD TO THE PREVIOUS VOTES AS PART OF AN AGREED VOTING FORMULA OR STRATEGY.

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